SOUTHVIEW TERRACE (PWSNO 1280236) SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT REPORT

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Executive Summary

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, all states are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the act. This risk assessment is based on a land use inventory in the well recharge zone, sensitivity factors associated with how the well was constructed, and aquifer characteristics.

This report, *Source Water Assessment for Southview Terrace*, describes the public drinking water wells; the well recharge zone and potential contaminant sites located inside the recharge zone boundaries. This assessment, taken into account with local knowledge and concerns, should be used as a planning tool to develop and implement appropriate protection measures for this public water system. **The results should not be used as an absolute measure of risk and they should <u>not be</u> used to undermine public confidence in the water system.**

Southview Terrace drinking water is supplied by two wells pumping from the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. The water system serves a mobile home community with a population of about 250 people near Hauser Lake, Idaho. A ground water susceptibility analysis conducted by DEQ October 2, 2001 ranked the wells moderately susceptible to all classes of regulated contaminants, mostly because of natural risk factors associated with local geology.

This assessment should be used as a basis for determining appropriate new protection measures or reevaluating existing protection efforts. No matter what ranking a source receives, protection is always important. Whether the source is currently located in a "pristine" area or an area with numerous industrial and/or agricultural land uses that require education and surveillance, the way to ensure good water quality in the future is to act now to protect valuable water supply resources.

Because 186 public water systems in Idaho draw water from the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, they should consider forming a regional group to represent their interests before state, county and municipal governing bodies when regulatory tools like zoning overlays, or enactment of building codes are the most appropriate ground water protection measures. Partnerships with state and local agencies and industry groups should also be established. For instance, source water protection activities for agriculture, an important land use in the Southview Terrace recharge area, should be coordinated with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, local Soil Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service

In its own jurisdiction, Southview Terrace should develop a source water protection plan that incorporates routine inspections and preventive maintenance of both the water system and the community septic system that serves the park.

Due to the time involved with the movement of ground water, source water protection activities should be aimed at long-term management strategies even though these strategies may not yield results in the near term. For assistance in developing protection strategies, please contact your regional Department of Environmental Quality office or the Idaho Rural Water Association.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT FOR SOUTHVIEW TERRACE

Section 1. Introduction - Basis for Assessment

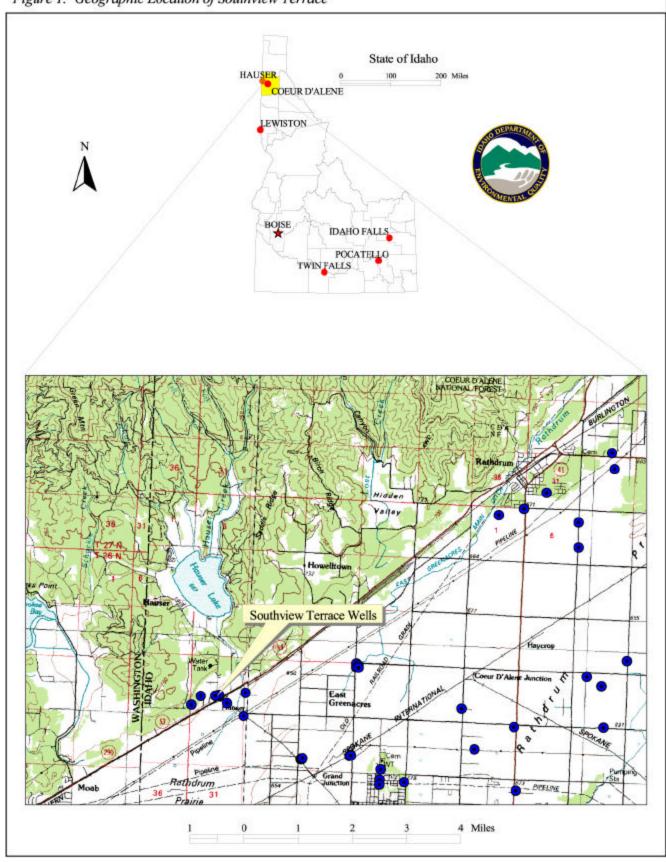
The following sections contain information necessary for understanding how and why this assessment was conducted. It is important to review this information to understand what the ranking of this source means. A map showing the delineated source water assessment area and an inventory of significant potential sources of contamination identified within that area are included. The ground water susceptibility analysis worksheets used to develop this assessment are attached.

Level of Accuracy and Purpose of the Assessment

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess every public drinking water source in Idaho for its relative susceptibility to contaminants regulated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. These assessments are based on a land use inventory inside the delineated recharge zones, sensitivity factors associated with how the well is constructed, and aquifer characteristics. The state must complete more than 2900 assessments by May of 2003. Because resources and the time available to accomplish assessments are limited, an in-depth, site-specific investigation for every public water system is not possible.

The results of the source water assessment should <u>not be</u> used as an absolute measure of risk and they should <u>not be</u> used to undermine public confidence in the water system. The ultimate goal of this assessment is to provide data to local communities for developing a protection strategy for their drinking water supply. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality recognizes that pollution prevention activities generally require less time and money to implement than treating a public water supply system once it has been contaminated. DEQ encourages communities to balance resource protection with economic growth and development. The decision as to the amount and types of information necessary to develop a source water protection program should be determined by the local community based on its own needs and limitations. Wellhead or source water protection is one facet of a comprehensive growth plan, and it can complement ongoing local planning efforts.

Figure 1. Geographic Location of Southview Terrace



Section 2. Preparing for the Assessment

Defining the Zones of Contribution - Delineation

The delineation process establishes the physical area around a well that will become the focal point of the assessment. The process includes mapping the boundaries of the well recharge area into time of travel (TOT) zones indicating the number of years necessary for a particle of water to reach a well. DEQ used a refined computer model approved by the EPA to determine the time of travel for water pumped from the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. The computer model used data DEQ assimilated from a variety of sources including local well logs and pumping volume estimates.

Southview Terrace is a community water system with about 87 connections serving a mobile home park near Hauser Lake, Idaho (Figure 1). Water for domestic use and fire protection for Southview Terrace customers is supplied by two wells located north of Highway 51 and west of Cloverleaf Road. The estimated capacity of the wells is 135 GPM each.

The delineation for the Southview Terrace wells is a narrow corridor encompassing 26 acres and stretching a mile northward from the wells (Figure 2). This well recharge zone is divided into 0-3-year, 3-6-year and 6-10 year time of travel zones. Because the wells are so close together, the map symbols denoting the Southview wells overlap.

Identifying Potential Sources of Contamination

The goal of the inventory process is to locate and describe those facilities, land uses, and environmental conditions that are potential sources of ground water contamination. Inventories for Southview Terrace and all other public water systems in Idaho were conducted in two-phases. The first phase involved identifying and documenting potential contaminant sources within a system's source water assessment area through the use of computer databases and Geographic Information System maps developed by DEQ. A map showing the delineations and a table summarizing the results of the database search were then sent to system operators for review and correction during the second or enhanced phase of the inventory process.

Figure 2, *Southview Terrace Delineation and Potential Contaminant Inventory* on page 8 of this report shows the locations of the Southview Terrace wells, the zones of contribution DEQ delineated for the wells, and potential contaminant sites in the vicinity. Land use inside the recharge zone is suburban/agricultural. A community septic system serves the park.

Many potential sources of contamination are regulated at the federal level, state level, or both to reduce the risk of release. When a business, facility, or property is identified as a potential contaminant source, this should not be interpreted to mean that this business, facility, or property is in violation of any local, state, or federal environmental law or regulation. What it does mean is that the <u>potential</u> for contamination exists due to the nature of the business, industry, or operation.

Section 3. Susceptibility Analysis

DEQ weighed the following factors to assess a well's susceptibility to contamination:

- physical integrity of the well,
- hydrologic characteristics,
- land use characteristics, and potentially significant contaminant sources
- historic water quality

Susceptibility rankings are specific to a particular potential contaminant or category of contaminants. A high susceptibility rating relative to one potential contaminant does not mean that the water system is at the same risk for all other potential contaminants. The relative ranking that is derived for each well is a qualitative, screening-level step that, in many cases, uses generalized assumptions and best professional judgement. The following summaries describe the rationale for the susceptibility ranking. The Susceptibility Analysis Worksheets, Attachment A, show in detail how each Southview Terrace well scored.

Well Construction

Well construction directly affects the ability of a well to protect the aquifer from contaminants. Lower scores imply a well that can better protect the ground water. This portion of the susceptibility analysis relies on information from individual well logs and from the most recent Sanitary Survey of the public water system.

The well logs for Southview Terrace are on file with DEQ. The Sanitary Survey conducted September 10, 1998 found the system to be well run. No deficiencies were noted in wellhead and surface seal maintenance.

Well #1 was drilled in late 1989 to a depth of 216 feet. The 8-inch steel casing extends from 2 feet above ground to a depth of 196 feet with a stainless steel well screen from 196 to 216 feet. The static water level in the well is at 151 feet. Well #1 has a bentonite clay surface seal to a depth of 20 feet, and except for a minor variation in the casing wall thickness meets current Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) construction standards. Both the surface seal and casing terminate in sand and pea gravel soil strata.

Well #2 was drilled in 1993 to a depth of 205 feet. The 6-inch steel casing extends from 1.5 feet above ground to a depth of 200 feet. A stainless steel well screen is set from 200 to 205 feet. The bentonite clay surface seal is 18 feet deep, terminating in a layer of sand and pea gravel. Current IDWR standards require a minimum surface seal depth of 20 feet for drinking water wells in an unconsolidated formation like the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. The static water level in the well is 152 feet.

Hydrologic Sensitivity

Hydrologic sensitivity scores reflect natural geologic conditions at the well site and in the recharge zone. Information for this part of the analysis is derived from individual well logs and from the soils drainage classification inside the delineation boundaries. Both of the Southview Terrace wells scored 6 points out of 6 points possible in the hydrologic sensitivity portion of the susceptibility analysis. Soils in the recharge zone generally are classed as moderately well to well drained. Soils that drain rapidly are deemed less protective of ground water than finer grained, slow draining soils.

Water was first encountered between 140 and 190 feet in Well #1 and between 160 and 205 feet in Well #2. Soils above the water table are composed of sand, gravel cobbles and boulders with no layers of silt or clay to retard the vertical transport of materials.

Potential Contaminant Sources and Land Use

The recharge zone for the Southview Terrace wells includes residential areas and irrigated crop land. Homes in the area are on septic systems. Figure 2, *Southview Terrace Delineation and Potential Contaminant Inventory* on page 8 shows the locations of the Southview Terrace wells, the zones of contribution DEQ delineated for the wells, and locations of potential contaminant sites in the vicinity. No point sources of contamination were identified inside the well recharge zone boundaries during the inventory.

Historic Water Quality

Historically, Southview Terrace has had few water quality problems. Positive Total Coliform bacteria samples from distribution system sites have not been confirmed with subsequent testing. The system does not need to disinfect the water prior to distribution.

Nitrate concentrations in the wells have varied between undetectable levels and 1.87 mg/ since testing began in 1991. The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate is 10 mg/l. No other regulated inorganic chemical contaminants have been detected in the water on a consistent basis. Radiological contaminants at levels well below the MCL were detected in samples tested in 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1997.

Southview Terrace was granted waivers in 1996 and 1999 to reduce the amount of testing required for synthetic and volatile organic chemicals. Neither class of contaminant has ever been detected in samples from the Southview Terrace wells.

Figure 2. Southview Terrace Delineation and Potential Contaminant Inventory. 117 1'30 -117°01' 117 0'30 Trailer ICE Gravel Pit 2215 47 4579 Water Tank / Gravel Pit Wall to Prairie 47045 BM 2130 117 1'30 -117°01' 117 0'30 -117°00' 0.5 Miles Legend Business Mailing List Recharge Point Time of Travel Zones SARA Title III Site (EPCRA) 0-3 Years Dairy 3 - 6 Years LUST Site Injection Well Group I Site UST Site Cyanide Site Business Mailing List PWS # 1280236 Lardfill Toxic Release Invent NPDES Site Wastewater Land App. Site Southview Terrace CERCLIS Site Mine Wells 1 and 2

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Final Susceptibility Ranking

Both of the Southview Terrace wells ranked moderately susceptible to all classes of regulated contaminants, mostly because of natural risk factors associated with the geology of the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. Agricultural land use inside the delineation boundaries was the only source of points marked against the wells in the potential contaminant/land use portion of the analysis. Cumulative scores for each well are summarized on Table 1. A complete susceptibility analysis worksheet for each well can be found in Attachment A.

The final scores for the susceptibility analysis were determined using the following formulas:

- 1) VOC/SOC/IOC Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.2)
- 2) Microbial Final Score = Hydrologic Sensitivity + System Construction + (Potential Contaminant/Land Use x 0.35)

The final ranking categories are as follows:

- 0 5 Low Susceptibility
- 6 12 Moderate Susceptibility
- > 13 High Susceptibility

Table 1. Summary of Southview Terrace Susceptibility Evaluation

Susceptibility Scores									
	System	Hydrologic	Contaminant Inventory						
Well	Construction	Sensitivity	IOC	VOC	SOC	Microbial			
Well #1	3	6	5	5	5	2			
Well #2	4	6	5	5	5	2			
Final Susceptibility Ranking									
Well	IOC		VOC		SOC	Microbial			
Well #1	Moderat	e M	Moderate		oderate	Moderate			
Well #2	Moderat	e M	Moderate		oderate	Moderate			

IOC = inorganic chemical, VOC = volatile organic chemical, SOC = synthetic organic chemical

HIGH* - Indicates source automatically scored as high susceptibility due to presence of bacteria or a VOC, SOC or an IOC above the maximum contaminant level in the tested drinking water

Section 4. Options for Source Water Protection

The susceptibility assessment should be used as a basis for determining appropriate new protection measures or re-evaluating existing protection efforts. No matter what the susceptibility ranking a source receives, protection is always important. Whether the source is currently located in a "pristine" area or an area with numerous industrial and/or agricultural land uses that require education and surveillance, the way to ensure good water quality in the future is to act now to protect valuable water supply resources.

An effective source water protection program is tailored to the particular local source water protection area. The state and local health districts have instituted enhanced protection of the ground water in the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer because of its high use and uniquely pristine water quality. The protections are generally aquifer wide and are not aimed at zones of contribution to a specific well or water system.

The Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Atlas, sent to water systems on the prairie when they were invited to perform an enhanced contaminant inventory, describes some of the regional protection measures.

The 186 public water systems in Idaho that draw water from the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer should consider forming a regional group to represent their interests before state, county and municipal governing bodies when regulatory tools like zoning overlays, or enactment of building codes are the most appropriate ground water protection measures. These types of measures could be used to protect the capture zones of a specific system or group of wells that could be put at risk from local land use changes. Partnerships with state and local agencies and industry groups should also be established. For instance, source water protection activities for agriculture, an important land use in the Southview Terrace recharge area, should be coordinated with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, local Soil Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For source water protection in its own jurisdiction, Southview Terrace should monitor the septic system drainfield area for signs of failure including odors, and lush vegetation. Residents of the park should be encouraged to take advantage of hazardous waste collection programs sponsored by the county. Paint, oil, pharmaceuticals and pesticides flushed into the system can interfere with the proper operation of the system and cause ground water contamination. The park should also develop a source water protection plan that includes routine inspections and preventive maintenance of the water system. Cracks in the reservior for example, were the apparent source of widespread bacterial contamination in the distribution system in April 1993. Hairline cracks in the in the reservoir roof were noted again in the 1998 sanitary survey.

Due to the time involved with the movement of ground water, wellhead protection activities should be aimed at long-term management strategies even though these strategies may not yield results in the near term.

Assistance

Public water suppliers and users may call the following IDEQ offices with questions about this assessment and to request assistance with developing and implementing a local protection plan. In addition, draft protection plans may be submitted to the IDEQ office for preliminary review and comments.

Coeur d'Alene Regional DEQ Office (208) 769-1422

State IDEQ Office (208) 373-0502

Website: http://www.deg.state.id.us

Water suppliers serving fewer than 10,000 persons may contact John Bokor, Idaho Rural Water Association, at (208) 343-7001 for assistance with wellhead protection strategies.

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Attachment A

Southview Terrace Susceptibility Analysis Worksheets

Ground Water Susceptibility

E INC	Source: V	VELL 1			
Public Water System Number: 1280236					
		SCORE			
12/4/89					
YES					
YES 1998					
YES		0			
YES		0			
NO		2			
NO		1			
YES		0			
		3			
NO		2			
YES		1			
NO		1			
NO		2			
		6			
		IOC	VOC	SOC	Microbia
etback)		Score	Score	Score	Score
SUBURBAN\AGRI	CULTURAL	2	2	2	2
NO		0	0	0	
NO		NO	NO	NO	NO
		2	2	2	2
NO		0	0	0	0
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NO		0	0	0	
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NO		0	0	0	0
Less Than 25% Agr	cultural Land	0	0	0	0
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NO		0	0	0	
NO		0	0	0	
Greater Than 50% Ir	rigated Agricultural	2	2	2	
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Ground Water Susceptibility

Ground Water Susceptibility		Source:				
Public Water System Name : SOUTHVIEW TERRACE INC			WELL 2			
Public Water System Number: 1280236		10/2/01 8:05	5 AM			
1. System Construction			SCORE			
Drill Date	6/9/93					
Driller Log Available	YES					
Sanitary Survey (if yes, indicate date of last survey)	YES 1998					
Well meets IDWR construction standards	NO		1			
Wellhead and surface seal maintained	YES		0			
Casing and annular seal extend to low permeability unit	NO		2			
Highest production 100 feet below static water level	NO		1			
Well located outside the 100 year flood plain	YES		0			
Total System Construction Score			4			
2. Hydrologic Sensitivity						
Soils are poorly to moderately drained	NO		2			
Vadose zone composed of gravel, fractured rock or unknown	YES		1			
Depth to first water > 300 feet	NO		1			
Aquitard present with > 50 feet cumulative thickness	NO		2			
Total Hydrologic Score			6			
			IOC	VOC	SOC	Microbial
3. Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1A (Sanitary Set	back)		Score	Score	Score	Score
Land Use Zone 1A	SUBURBAN\AGR	ICULTURAL	2	2	2	2
Farm chemical use high	NO		0	0	0	
IOC, VOC, SOC, or Microbial sources in Zone 1A	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO
Total Potential Contaminant Source/Land Use Score - Zone 1A			2	2	2	2
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE 1B (3 YR. TOT)						
Contaminant sources present (Number of Sources)	NO		0	0	0	0
(Score = # Sources X 2) 8 Points Maximum			0	0	0	0
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or Microbials	NO		0	0	0	
4 Points Maximum			0	0	0	
Zone 1B contains or intercepts a Group 1 Area	NO		0	0	0	0
Land use Zone 1B	Less Than 25% Agr	ricultural Land	0	0	0	0
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone 1B			0	0	0	0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE II (6 YR. TOT)						
Contaminant Sources Present	NO		0	0	0	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or Microbials	NO		0	0	0	
Land Use Zone II	Greater Than 50% I	rrigated Agricultu	ral 2	2	2	
Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone II	Land		2	2	2	0
Potential Contaminant / Land Use - ZONE III (10 YR. TOT)						
Contaminant Source Present	NO		0	0	0	
Sources of Class II or III leacheable contaminants or Microbials	NO		0	0	0	
Is there irrigated agricultural lands that occupy $> 50\%$ of Zone	YES		1	1	1	
Total Potential Contaminant Source / Land Use Score - Zone III			1	1	1	0
Cumulative Potential Contaminant / Land Use Score			5	5	5	2
4. Final Susceptibility Source Score			11	11	11	11

POTENTIAL CONTAMINANT INVENTORY LIST OF ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

<u>AST (Aboveground Storage Tanks)</u> – Sites with aboveground storage tanks.

<u>Business Mailing List</u> – This list contains potential contaminant sites identified through a yellow pages database search of standard industry codes (SIC).

<u>CERCLIS</u> – This includes sites considered for listing under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). CERCLA, more commonly known as Superfund is designed to clean up hazardous waste sites that are on the national priority list (NPL).

<u>Cyanide Site</u> – DEQ permitted and known historical sites/facilities using cyanide.

<u>Dairy</u> – Sites included in the primary contaminant source inventory represent those facilities regulated by Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) and may range from a few head to several thousand head of milking cows.

<u>Deep Injection Well</u> – Injection wells regulated under the Idaho Department of Water Resources generally for the disposal of stormwater runoff or agricultural field drainage.

Enhanced Inventory – Enhanced inventory locations are potential contaminant source sites added by the water system. These can include new sites not captured during the primary contaminant inventory, or corrected locations for sites not properly located during the primary contaminant inventory. Enhanced inventory sites can also include miscellaneous sites added by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during the primary contaminant inventory.

Floodplain – This is a coverage of the 100year floodplains.

<u>Group 1 Sites</u> – These are sites that show elevated levels of contaminants and are not within the priority one areas.

<u>Inorganic Priority Area</u> – Priority one areas where greater than 25% of the wells/springs show constituents higher than primary standards or other health standards.

<u>Landfill</u> – Areas of open and closed municipal and non-municipal landfills.

<u>LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank)</u> – Potential contaminant source sites associated with leaking underground storage tanks as regulated under RCRA.

<u>Mines and Quarries</u> – Mines and quarries permitted through the Idaho Department of Lands.)

<u>Nitrate Priority Area</u> – Area where greater than 25% of wells/springs show nitrate values above 5mg/l.

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System)

- Sites with NPDES permits. The Clean Water Act requires that any discharge of a pollutant to waters of the United States from a point source must be authorized by an NPDES permit.

<u>Organic Priority Areas</u> – These are any areas where greater than 25 % of wells/springs show levels greater than 1% of the primary standard or other health standards.

<u>Recharge Point</u> – This includes active, proposed, and possible recharge sites on the Snake River Plain.

RICRIS – Site regulated under **Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA)**. RCRA is commonly associated with the cradle to grave management approach for generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes.

SARA Tier II (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act Tier II Facilities) – These sites store certain types and amounts of hazardous materials and must be identified under the Community Right to Know Act.

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) – The toxic release inventory list was developed as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (Community Right to Know) Act passed in 1986. The Community Right to Know Act requires the reporting of any release of a chemical found on the TRI list.

<u>UST (Underground Storage Tank)</u> – Potential contaminant source sites associated with underground storage tanks regulated as regulated under RCRA.

<u>Wastewater Land Applications Sites</u> – These are areas where the land application of municipal or industrial wastewater is permitted by DEQ.

<u>Wellheads</u> – These are drinking water well locations regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. They are not treated as potential contaminant sources.

NOTE: Many of the potential contaminant sources were located using a geocoding program where mailing addresses are used to locate a facility. Field verification of potential contaminant sources is an important element of an enhanced inventory.

Where possible, a list of potential contaminant sites unable to be located with geocoding will be provided to water systems to determine if the potential contaminant sources are located within the source water assessment area.